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Dear Sir:

Applicant submitted the following response on June 24, 2003, to the Office Action dated April 18, 2003. Applicant received a "Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment" (dated August 14, 2003) because page 2 of the response was missing. Applicant resubmits this response within the one month period for reply. For the reasons detailed below, the pending claims are believed to be in a condition for allowance.